

POLYTHIOPHENES, BLOCK COPOLYMERS MADE THEREFROM,
AND METHODS OF FORMING THE SAME

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ABSTRACT

10 The present invention relates to polythiophenes, particularly regioregular head-
to-tail poly(3-alkylthiophenes) (HT-PATs), block copolymers made therefrom, and their
methods of formation. The present invention provides HT-PATs with well-defined,
specific end-groups, functionalization of the defined HT-PATs, and incorporation of end
group functionalized HT-PATs into block copolymers with structural polymers. The
intrinsically conductive diblock and triblock copolymers, formed from the HT-PATs, have
excellent conductivity and low polydispersities that are useful in a number of
applications. The block copolymers of the present invention have been found to exhibit
conductivities that range from a low of 10^{-8} S/cm for certain applications to as high as
several hundred S/cm or more.